

As a Flight Attendant with 38 years of experience, I am very much against the use of cell phones aboard airborne aircraft. The noise level caused by ringing phones and multiple conversations at a louder than normal level would only add to the stress level of an already stressful environment. This could easily incite more instances of air rage, thus making the cabin of the aircraft less safe. In an emergency, we are able to turn off the audio and video systems to get the attention of the Passengers. If a person is in a conversation on a cell phone, it would take more time to get their attention, thus using up precious minutes when preparing for an emergency. Should this be the case, it would put not only the cell phone user, but his fellow passengers as a higher degree of risk.